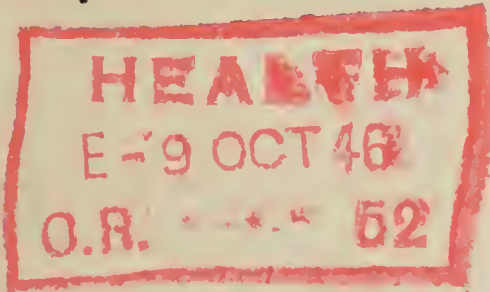


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REPORTS

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31st, 1945



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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1945.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1945.

The Vital Statistics show a Crude Death Rate of 18.3 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 12.2 for 1944. The Live Birth Rate was 14.4 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 17.8 for 1944. There was one Still-birth. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 24 per 1000 live births.

No serious outbreak of Infectious Diseases has occurred.

Housing and Overcrowding are dealt with in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

There has been no change in the Industrial Circumstances of your District since my last report.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in Acres	-	-	-	665
Number of Persons per acre	-	-	-	4.3
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident				
Population, middle of 1945)	-	-	-	2839
Number of inhabited houses	-	-	-	852
Average number of persons per house	-	-	-	3.3
Rateable Value	-	-	-	£19,503
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	-	-	£78

VITAL STATISTICS.

Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

			Birth Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.		
			M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	Total 35 :	15	20	14.4
	Illegitimate	6 :	2	4	

Still-Births, Legitimate, Total Nil; Rate per 1000
Total (live and still-births) - - - Nil.

Birth Rate, England & Wales, 1945 - - - 16.1

Deaths - 52—Males, 25 ; Females, 27 ;
Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated
resident population - - - 18.3

Death Rate, England & Wales, 1945 - - - 11.4

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - - - 1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1000 live births - - - 24

Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births 28

Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

England & Wales - - - 46 per 1000

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - - - 5

Death Rate from Cancer per 1000 of the population 1.8

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	Nil.

Ages at which deaths occurred (35).

Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and over
1	Nil	Nil	2	4	14	31

18 of these deaths occurred at ages from 70 to 80 years,
and 12 over 80 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

DISEASES.	1944		1945	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers -	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever -	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever -	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough -	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria -	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System -	2	2	-	2
Other Forms of Tuberculosis -	-	-	1	-
Syphilis -	-	-	-	-
Influenza -	-	-	1	2
Measles -	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis -	-	-	-	-
Acute Infectious Encephalitis -	-	-	-	-
Cancer -	4	2	3	2
Diabetes -	-	-	-	-
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions -	2	-	4	3
Heart Disease -	6	4	6	-
Other Diseases of Circulatory System -	2	-	3	-
Bronchitis -	1	3	4	6
Pneumonia -	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases -	1	-	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum -	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) -	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis -	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases -	-	-	-	-
Nephritis -	-	-	-	4
Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis -	-	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes -	-	-	-	-
Premature Birth -	-	-	-	-
Congenital, Malformations and Birth Injuries -	-	1	-	-
Suicide -	-	-	-	-
Road Traffic Accidents -	-	-	-	-
Other Violent Causes -	2	-	-	1
All other Causes -	1	2	2	6
TOTALS -	21	14	25	27
	35		52	

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

As 1938

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

As 1938

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

ii (a) Laboratory Facilities :

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist.

Bacteriological Examinations :

	Number of Specimens sent for Report			7
	Total.	Positive.	Negative.	
Diphtheria (Swabs)	6	1	5	
Sputum	1	1	-	

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. As 1942.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. As 1938.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS. As 1938.

HOSPITALS.

PUBLIC. As 1942.

VOLUNTARY.

As 1938.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES. As 1938.

TUBERCULOSIS. As 1938.

(i) MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES.

As 1938.

(ii) UNMARRIED MOTHERS, HOMELESS AND
ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. As 1938.

(iii) HEALTH VISITORS & ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

As 1938.

REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

As 1938.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. As 1938.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. As 1938.

2. RIVERS & STREAMS. As 1938.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

(ii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

*The particulars will be found in the Report of the
Sanitary Inspector.*

(iii) Swimming Baths and Pools. As 1938.

4. SCHOOLS. One Junior School—recently transferred to the
County Council.

5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. As 1938.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1944.

1. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	-	-	Nil.
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2. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(A)—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	Nil.
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—	
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(a) By Owners	-	-	1
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(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners		Nil.
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(B).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	1
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil.
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(C).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	Nil.
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	-	Nil.
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4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding :—*

- | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|--|---|---|---|------|
| (a) | (1) | Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year (1944) | - | - | - | Nil. |
| | (2) | Number of families dwelling therein | - | | | Nil. |
| | (3) | Number of persons dwelling therein | - | | | Nil. |
| (b) | | Number of New Cases of Overcrowding reported during the year | - | - | - | Nil. |
| (c) | (1) | Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year | - | - | - | Nil. |
| | (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | - | | | Nil. |
| (d) | | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | - | | | Nil. |

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

SECTION E.**INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

- (a) Milk Supply ;
- (b) Meat and other foods

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

- (c), (d) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc.—are administered by the County Council.
- (e) Nutrition : No action has been taken.
- (f) Shell Fish : Little, if any, sold in the District.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(2) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1945.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases.	AGES.										Cases sent to Isolat'n Hos- pital.	Deaths
		under 1 year	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	over 65 yrs.
Enteric Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	6	1	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping-cough ...	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ...	43	2	4	3	6	5	20	1	1	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	54	4	5	3	7	5	22	4	1	2	-	1	-

The above includes persons from outside districts whilst patients in the Corbett Hospital, viz.:—
Measles, 2.

5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. As 1938.

(b) **TUBERCULOSIS, 1945.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory		Respira- tory.		Non- Respira- tory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 10 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25 „	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 to 35 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55 „	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 to 65 „	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	2	-	-	1	2	-	-

Arrangements have been made with the County Education Authorities for immunisation of Children against Diphtheria. The School Doctor treats the children and the Council provide the Prophylactic. 36 Children were “immunised”—5 being of school age and 31 under 5 years.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SIMPKISS,

Medical Officer of Health.

Amblecote Urban District Council.

Annual Report

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1945.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit an abbreviated report for the Year 1945 as follows :—

Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses provided with Water Closets	-	836	} 854
Houses provided with Pan Closets	-	5	
Houses provided with Privies	-	13	
Houses provided with separate Water Closets		713	
Houses provided with Water Closets in common		123	

It is not practicable to provide Sewer accommodation for 16 of the 18 Houses without Water Closets. They are situate on the Fire Clay Mining Area.

Removal of Household Refuse and Salvage Collection and Disposal.

Refuse Removal is carried out by Direct Labour. Tipping is efficiently controlled. An "up-to-date" Vehicle is badly needed. Efforts have been made to obtain one but without success. An improvised cover has to be used on an open cart. A mechanically propelled vehicle would not be economical as the Tip is central and long journeys backwards and forwards are not necessary.

Salvage Collection:—During the year 23 tons 19 cwts. 2 qrs. of Paper were collected, Baled and Sold.

Housing.

The number of Houses remains as last year, viz 854. In order to provide Houses which are so badly needed $7\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land have been purchased. This will complete the Vicarage Road, Church Avenue, Corbett Crescent Site. The Minister of Health has been requested to approve a Scheme for the erection of 34 Houses to be followed by a further one comprising 46 Houses.

Housing Conditions.

The houses in your District may be classified as follows :—

Houses with one Bedroom	-	-	1	} 854
Houses with two Bedrooms	-	-	325	
Houses with three Bedrooms	-	-	441	
Houses with more than three Bedrooms			87	

No. 6, King William Street reported as Unfit for Human Habitation has been made fit. No. 64, High Street :—A Demolition Order has been made in respect of this House. Right up to the end of 1945 it has been a very difficult matter to get essential repairs to houses attended to. Suitable Labour and Materials have been very scarce and seem likely to remain so for some time.

Overcrowding—No case of actual overcrowding has been dealt with. Owing to an increase in the number of families, joint occupation of houses has become common.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Etc.

No action necessary.

Water Supply.

With one exception all premises receive a continuous and pure supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the Stourbridge and District Water Board. The principal Bore Holes (at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow) are situated in your District. Samples of Water are taken at frequent intervals. These show a certain Hardness but otherwise the Water is of excellent quality for drinking. Close co-operation is maintained with the Engineer to the Board.

Milk, Dairies and Cowsheds.

Producers of Milk 2. They are also Retail Purveyors.

Sterilised Milk in bottles only is retailed in 8 Shops.

Milk—Special Designations Order : 2 Licences issued to sell “Pasteurised Milk” and 1 for “Tuberculin Tested Milk.” They are “Secondary” Licences only.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

No Slaughter-house is used in this District. Three Retail Butchers are supplied with Meat from a Central Depot at Brierley Hill which is controlled by the Ministry of Food.

Unsound Food—The following unsound food was surrendered and destroyed, viz. :—Meat 7 Tins, Fish 8 Tins. Total Weight 22 lbs. and Dried Peas 35 lbs.

Rats & Mice Destruction Act, 1919-1943.

Ten Premises were treated by arrangement with Mr. Parker, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Brierley Hill. They included the Corbett Hospital and the Refuse Tip. The results appeared to be satisfactory although a minor re-infestation occurred at the Refuse Tip. The Sewers were again treated. No single bait was touched so that it is reasonable to assume that Rats are not present. The Banks of the River Stour which forms the Boundary between the Borough of Stourbridge and your District have been treated. The Ministry of Food agreed to a Waiver of the Charge for the work.

Smoke Abatement

The activities of the Midland Advisory Council for the Abatement of Smoke, etc. are about to be resumed. The quality of fuel supplied for both commercial and domestic purposes, is a factor that will have to receive some consideration when dealing with the smoke problem.

Precautions Against Infectious Diseases.

Houses (or Rooms) Disinfected	-	-	7
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Patients removed to Isolation Hospital :—

Diphtheria	-	-	-	1	}	2
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1		

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD PIPER,

Sanitary Inspector.

